

## TO RAISE FINEST FURS

Project to Keep \$14,000,000  
From Going Abroad.

Dr. C. C. Young Imports Flock of Karakul Sheep and Describes Success of Crossing Them With American Breeds.

Chicago.—A project designed to keep in the United States the \$14,000,000 now going abroad annually for the Astrakhan, Persian broadtail and trimmer furs is being launched by Dr. C. C. Young, a former Chicago physician, now commissioner of agriculture for the State of Coahuila, Mexico.

It is the breeding of Karakul sheep, the basis of all the fine furs that come from Persia and other portions of Central Asia. He has succeeded in bringing to America after great expense and much trouble, on account of the rigid laws forbidding the importation of Asiatic sheep because of the danger of importing with them Asiatic diseases, a flock of full-blood Karakuls and has begun the crossing of them with American sheep at his ranch at Menor, Coahuila.

Dr. Young was born in Bessarabia, a province of south Russia, and there was familiar as a boy with the Karakul sheep which produce the beautiful furs, although he then never saw a full-blood Karakul. He came to America when sixteen years old, took up the study of medicine, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1901, and was for a time on the advisory staff of the Cook County hospital.

When the throat infection which he is now receiving treatment made it imperative that he give up his practice in Chicago and live an outdoor life in a southern climate his mind reverted to the Karakul sheep and he decided to occupy his time with them. He finally surmounted the difficulties in the way of importing the sheep, and he now has a growing flock of them on his Mexican ranch. Recently he described enthusiastically the proportions to which the business may grow in the United States.

"The Karakul sheep are the basis of all these fine furs," said Dr. Young, "and the value of the fur depends upon the percentage of Karakul in it. Crossing the Karakul with the common scrub sheep of Persia, we get the Persian broadtail. Crossing it with the Astrakhan long-haired sheep we get Astrakhan, and crossing it with the common merino sheep of the Crimea we get the trimmer fur."

"These sheep, however, are vastly inferior to the sheep of the United States, and I decided that by crossing the Karakul sheep with various breeds of American sheep I would get even better fur than that produced in the United States, would be marketable at a profit at a far lower price than is paid for the Persian fur. My experiments so far have more than justified this conclusion."

Dr. Young exhibited some of the pelts he has taken from the lambs resulting from the crosses between the American sheep and the imported Karakuls. The crosses between the Lincolnshire and Shropshire and the Karakul have given a fur that is of a finer texture and much more beautiful luster than the imported furs.

## SNAKES IN SPORTING CLASS

Pennsylvania Reptiles Make Good at Fishing Trout—Also Attack Farmer's Pigs.

Altoona, Pa.—Two recent incidents prove the Blair county snake to be in the sporting class, though not always quite lucky in his hunting and fishing experiences.

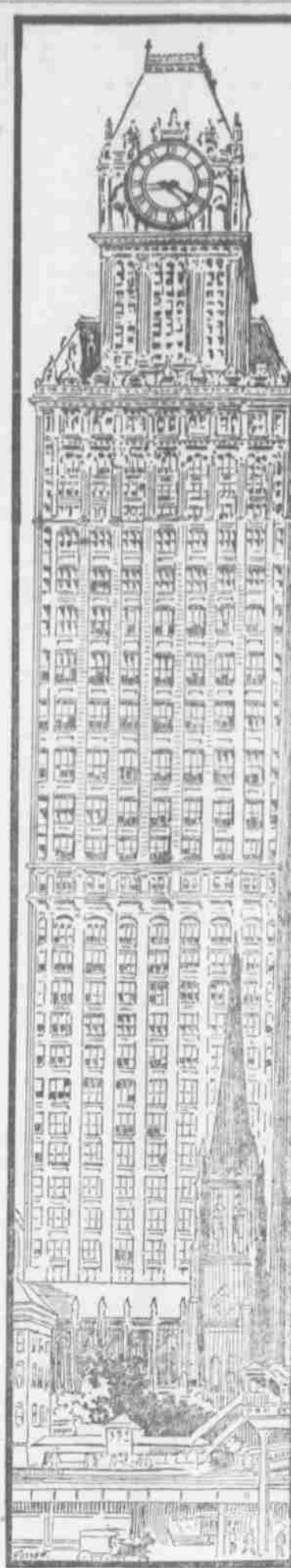
Before returning to the city from his summer home at Royer, Postmaster George Fox of this city went down to Piney creek to look for trout.

As Fox was crossing the bridge he heard a commotion at the water's edge and, looking down, saw a water snake trying to swallow a seven-inch trout. Procuring his landing net, he is a noted fisherman, Fox, assisted by George D. Cook, a Harrisburg merchant, who has been his guest for several days, landed both the snake and the trout. The snake never let go of the trout until a cudgel landed on its neck. The trout later made a nice meal for an Altoona friend.

Only the day before an Altoona railroader discovered the same snake, an old inhabitant of the pool, devouring trout, but the reptile got away. Its chief diet for a long time has been trout, it being an adept at catching them.

Hearing a pig emitting unearthly squeals, Harry Jones, a farmer, near Ebensburg, hastened to his pig sty and was astounded to find one of his pigs encircled by a blacksnake and slowly being squeezed to death. Jones grabbed up a rake and killed the reptile, which measured six feet four inches in length, four inches in diameter and 12 inches in circumference.

There is always a lot of bluff and bluster about a soda fountain that doesn't really mean anything.



## Skyscraper City

And then the fire chief came in with a grievance, and the head of the department of water, gas and electricity and other officials. So the whole day passed, and so does the whole year pass for the mayor of Skyscraper City.

"A strange sort of place indeed, this city," you will say. "Where is it?" Skyscraper City, to enlighten you, is a ubiquitous community located in every part of the United States where land has become so valuable that, instead of capitalist building over a large area, they build in a limited space, and straight toward the clouds. In plain words, it is none other than the great modern skyscraper, with its population as great, in many cases, as that of a third class municipality.

"But the mayor," you will say, "who ever heard of a mayor of a building?" Yes, the mayor. You have heard of a superintendent of a building, and if the superintendent of a skyscraper housing from five to twelve thousand people has not as much right to the title of mayor as the chief executive of a community of, say one thousand, spread along a couple of streets, where the city limits are marked out by fence rails and stone walls, then the United States is not a democratic country.

Building operations can't go on with the spirit of emulation that now holds between contractors without the Skyscraper City of a few years hence being in sore need of a real municipal administration, with a mayor, aldermen and all the other public servants that make annual elections necessary. It has them all now under different names.

There are, for instance, the members of the health department, which sanitary body consists of a corps of able bodied women, equipped with mops and pails and compelling voices. That corps of women alone is sufficient to suggest an analogy between Skyscraper City and a representative American municipality, and should give the former a lasting right to the name of a thriving city.

### Policemen on Patrol.

Then there are the members of the police department, whose main duty in the suppression of criminality is to see that no one walks off with any part of the building or its contents. These are the watchmen, who patrol continuously night and day, and the main differences between them and the police of your recognized city are that they are paid less and are, perhaps, not subject to periodical charges of graft. Nor do they have to parade for the delectation of the electricians and as who stand out in the sun, doffing their hats and smiling approvingly, while patting each other on the back in appreciation of the department they have developed.

What more heroic and picturesque body is there than the fire department, with its red shirted or blue shirted, or any other color shirted, men, ready and eager to grapple with flames or anything else, under any conditions and at every moment? In Skyscraper City the fire department consists of an efficient band of men as well trained as the firemen of a large municipality and equipped with all the latest devices for combating flames.

And there is the department of water, gas and electricity, the latter composed of the electricians and assistants in the engine room. These large buildings do not depend upon outside sources for their electricity. They have thoroughly equipped plants for manufacturing their own. As far as the water department is concerned, one New York skyscraper has a pumping station that is capable of supplying sufficient water to furnish a city of 350,000 people.

Now here is where the similarity between the skyscraper and the recognized city is made strongly apparent. Skyscraper City often has within its boundaries establishments which can supply every need of a hungry, thirsty, dirty, naked citizen.

No need to die of starvation were you to be confined for life in Skyscraper City while its restaurants are able to get a dinner together. Its cafe would banish all fear of longing for something to render the throat and stomach more comfortable without hope of receiving it. Its haberdashery and tailor could clothe you in the latest fashion; its shoe store would attend to the task of keeping your feet well shod. Its baths would be ever ready to open their arms to you. Your every want for things procurable only in a confectioner's shop would be filled, while you would merely have to go downstairs should you feel that your happiness might be enhanced by a fragrant cigar. The fruit stand is on the main floor, left.

Suddenly in the course of a busy afternoon the confectionery which you might have bought at Skyscraper City's progressive shop might cause some restlessness on the part of your teeth. You merely have to go to 12th street, which is Skyscraper City's twelfth floor, and have the trouble remedied by the dentist. Or perhaps some fruit from the stand below might result in a little disturbance in your interior mechanism; you will find a doctor on 8th street. An occasion might arise where you might require the services of a lawyer—a bad account or any of the many little things that simply will crop up in everyday life. Skyscraper City just swarms with these eminent practitioners. The law will always be sure of interpreters so long as Skyscraper City rears upward.

### Population Over 10,000.

All the stores in this "city" are located in Main street—nothing unusual for municipalities of its size. In one particular case this street is more than three hundred feet in length, and is traversed daily by thousands of people. More than twelve hundred residences are located in this "city," each being labelled on the front door with the name of the inhabitant and his business. These residences are specifically termed offices, and each one is visited a number of times during the day by the postman. Of course, it would take one postman a good many hours to cover the entire route of the "city." Consequently the streets are divided into territories, so Skyscraper City may be said to have its own postoffice department. In this particular "city" one street is inhabited by more than seven hundred people. This "city" has forty-one streets, the entire population being more than ten thousand.

There is one thing in this same city of which the inhabitants may well be proud. It is the transportation system. It consists of twenty-three elevators, the combined capacity being about ten thousand people an hour. Transportation in these cases is both quick and safe. There is no mortality in connection with this transit system. An elevator in one of the latest of New York's skyscrapers municipalities travels 548 feet into the air, all the way up to the fortieth street, and this without the inconvenience of changing cars, which is more than can be said of New York City's car lines at times. These elevators can carry twenty-five hundred pounds at a speed of six hundred feet a minute, which means rising with some rapidity.

Again, in the method of summoning the fire department or the police department the similitude between a municipality and Skyscraper City is maintained. In the big cities, when a policeman is desirous of bringing about a meeting between some recreant citizens and the judge at the court he summons an appropriate conveyance by ringing up headquarters from a little box on the corner. The fire department may be required, and it is similarly called. In one Skyscraper City in Chicago there is a system of signals, possible of operation from any part of the premises, which permits of an official getting in touch with his subordinates at any instant. And so far as the postal department is concerned, there is the letter chute, running to every floor, which might be said to correspond to the letter boxes installed at various points throughout American cities.

So the immense building operations of the times are surrounding residents of real cities with these twentieth century municipalities, with all the officers and laws, in different form, of a regularly chartered city. There is nothing missing, not even the facilities for traveling home from work, without leaving the confines of the buildings, for some of these skyscrapers have private entrances to subway and elevated lines. And all must not necessarily be work here any more than in any other city. If the inhabitants of this modern institution wish to take recreation some Skyscraper cities afford an opportunity by having palm gardens laid out on the roof.

### Quite True.

Bill—He says his books are his best friends. Jill—Well, he can turn 'em down when he gets tired of 'em without offending 'em.—Yonkers Statesman.

### All Are Sinful.

We are all sinful. Therefore whatever we blame in another we shall find in our own bosoms.—Seneca.

## TEN YEARS OF SUFFERING.

Restored at Last to Perfect Health by Doan's Kidney Pills.



Mrs. Margie Waggoner, Carterville, Ill., says: "For over ten years I suffered terribly with backache, headache, nervous and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were unnatural and gave me great trouble. One day I suddenly fell to the floor, where I lay for a long time unconscious. Three doctors who treated me diagnosed my case as paralysis and said they could do nothing more for me. As a last resort, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and was permanently cured. I am stronger than before in years."

Remember the name—Doan's.

For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Quaint Table Manners.

Jerome S. McWade, the Detroit millionaire, talked at a dinner about the delights of a backwoods vacation. "I go to a quaint backwoods village every summer," he said, "and numberless are the quaint people I meet there."

"Old Boucher, for instance, the janitor of the village church, is most amusing with his quaint ways. I had old Boucher to lunch one day, and the cold lobster was served with a mayonnaise sauce. When my servant offered this sauce to Boucher, the old man stuck his knife in it, took up a little on the blade, tasted it, then shook his head and said: "Don't choose none!"

### Try This, This Summer.

The very best time you're not tired or thirsty, step up to a soda fountain and get a glass of Coca-Cola. It will cool you off, relieve your body and mental fatigue and quench your thirst delightfully. At soda fountains or carbonated in bottles—50¢ everywhere. Delicious, refreshing and wholesome. Send to the Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga., for their free booklet "The Truth About Coca-Cola." Tells what Coca-Cola is and why it is so delicious, refreshing and thirst-quenching. And send 2¢ stamp for the Coca-Cola Baseball Record Book for 1910—contains the famous poem "Casey at the Bat," records, schedules for both leagues and other valuable baseball information compiled by authorities.

### A Fitting Design.

"I want an estimate on 10,000 letter heads," said the professional-looking man with the silk hat.

"Any special design?" asked the engraver.

"Yes, sir," replied the caller. "In the upper left-hand corner I want a catchy cut of Patrick Henry making his memorable speech, and in distinct letters, under the cut, his soul-inspiring words, 'Give me liberty or give me death.' You see," he added, handing a card to the engraver, "I'm a divorce lawyer, and want something fitting."—Lippincott's.

### One Side Enough.

Senator William Alden Smith tells of an Irish justice of the peace out in Michigan. In a trial the evidence was all in and the plaintiff's attorney had made a long and very eloquent argument, when the lawyer acting for the defense arose.

"What are you doing?" asked the justice, as the lawyer began.

"Going to present our side of the case."

"I don't want to hear both sides argued. It has a tendency to confuse the court."—Washingtonian.

### Quotation Marks.

Senator Beveridge, in an after-dinner speech in Cleveland, said of a corrupt politician:

"The man's excuse is as absurd as the excuse that a certain minister offered on being convicted of plagiarism."

"Brethren," said this minister. It is true that I occasionally borrow for my sermons, but I always acknowledge the fact in the pulpit by raising two fingers at the beginning and two at the end of the borrowed matter, thus indicating that it is quoted."

### A New Version.

Lawyers have a peculiar system of abbreviation, such words as trustees, executors being cut down to trees, exors, and admors. This practise led to an amusing slip on the part of a solicitor, who, somewhat late in life, abandoned his profession and entered the church. A few Sundays after his ordination he started his congregation while reading the lesson by delivering one of the passages as follows: "I see men as trustees walking."

A woman may or may not try to avoid muddy crossings; it all depends upon her understanding.

## Summer Comfort

There's solid satisfaction and delightful refreshment in a glass of

## Iced Postum

Served with Sugar and a Little Lemon.

Postum contains the natural food elements of field grains and is really a food drink that relieves fatigue and quenches the thirst.

Pure, Wholesome, Delicious

"There's a Reason"

POSTUM CEREAL CO., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

## CATS SLAUGHTER GAME BIRDS

Semi-Wild Animals Become Serious Menace in Oregon—Plan for Extermination.

Marshallfield, Ore.—Calvin Wright, one of Coos county's game wardens, gives it as his opinion that the worst enemy of the game birds in this locality is the house cat which has become wild. Mr. Wright has just returned from an extensive trip up and down the coast country, and he declares that the cats are doing away with the game birds.

Coos county is a great place for cats, both in the cities and the country districts, and they have increased with such rapidity that there are not homes sufficient for all of them. As a consequence the cats have become wild and run in the woods. Mr. Wright says that the increase of these semi-wild animals in the woods is much greater than would be imagined. He says that the cats not only break up the nests and kill or drive away the id birds, but that they devour scores of the young before they are able to protect themselves.

So great has become the menace that Deputy Wright will take up the cat matter with State Game Warden Stephenson and will advocate the paying of a bounty for the killing of cats which are not properly confined.

Chicago is an Indian word—Chicacagua, a wild onion, wild onions having grown profusely on the river banks.

## HOW TO KEEP BUTTER PURE.

London Firm Sells Microbes to Be Introduced into Cream to Kill Decay Germs.

London.—Inoculated butter—guaranteed to keep fresh for months—into which millions of beneficial bacteria have been introduced for the purpose of preserving it, will be in common use in the near future, and the part hitherto played by boric acid in butter will henceforward be played by the active microbe.

The production of these preservative micro-organisms is the object of a new company, which has recently opened its offices at Cricklewood, and here large laboratories are being installed for the purpose of raising millions of billions of bacteria for use in the dairies of the world.

The manager of the new company said that the discovery of the preservative microbe was the result of years of scientific research.

"Its object," he said, "is to fight other microbes that are found in butter which have a harmful effect upon it—that of turning it rancid. The only way of combating these germs has hitherto been by the use of preservative chemicals, which are harmful adulterants."

"But now my firm has succeeded in finding an antidote germ to the harmful one, and by introducing it into the milk before churning butter is made

which will keep fresh and pure for a long time.

"The inoculation of the milk has the effect, broadly speaking, of setting up a fight between the opposing armies of germs and the bad ones, that would destroy the freshness of the butter, are destroyed by the harmless ones which are introduced."

The microbes are sold in the form of a clear liquid, in small bottles, which is added to buttermilk and prepared in a certain way before use. When the preparation is ready one gallon of it is added to every 20 gallons of cream in the butter churn, the rest of the butter making process proceeding in the usual way.

The prices of the cultures used in these processes vary from 75 cents to \$2.50 a bottle, and full instructions to dairymen are issued with each consignment. The cultures are equally effective in margarine.

### King Inherits Old Shirt.

London.—Some queer royal relics have been brought to light at Windsor castle. Preparations are being made for the addition to the royal library of some exhibition cases for the display of these objects of historic interest. Among the collection is the baby linen used by Charles I. and the lace shirt the ill-fated monarch wore on the day of his execution in Whitehall as an extra garment because of the cold.

## HONORS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT OF BRAZIL



WASHINGTON.—Hermes da Fonseca, president-elect of Brazil, landed in New York on August 3, and the elaborate plans for his entertainment during the month he will spend in this country, are being carried out. Charge Silva of the Brazilian embassy arranged for his presentation to President Taft at Beverly, and immediately after that formality the distinguished visitor went to Valley Forge, Pa., to meet Secretary Knox. Later Gen. da Fonseca, who is an accomplished soldier, was taken to West Point and Annapolis to inspect the academies there.

## SPOONING IN PUBLIC PARKS.

Adam and Eve Made Love in Eden, Therefore Their Children Should Do the Same.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Public courtship was upheld in the pulpit by Rev. G. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's church. This was in answer to a popular appeal made to the city authorities to stop spooning in the parks.

"Adam and Eve were placed in Eden to spoon, and their children have been at it ever since. Mingling winds, nodding flowers, hills that kiss the skies, creeks that mingle with rivers, and waves that clasp each other, are but a commentary on Solomon's words that 'two are better than one,'" said he.

"The rich have palatial parlors or private parks in which to make love, or they go to ocean or mountain by auto, train or ship, where they plan marriages that often end in divorce and death.

"The poor walk or go in street cars to parks and lakes, where they read

books of nature and learn lessons of repose, cheer, humility, economy and beneficence, then meet and mate and make happy marriages and home. Lovemaking, which is proper in the home or parlor, is just as proper in a public park. What is wrong is wrong everywhere, in public or private."

### WOULD DATE ALL HEN'S EGGS

Colorado Legislature to Be Asked to Enact Such Law at Next Regular Session.

Denver, Col.—At the next regular session of the state legislature a bill will be introduced to compel farmers to stamp eggs offered for sale with their names and the dates they are laid. The bill will be introduced by Harvey E. Garman from Denver county.

The object of the law, Mr. Garman says, is to enable the purchaser to tell just how fresh an egg is when he

buys it. This will be a public benefaction, he thinks, as most of the people who come to Colorado for their health depend upon fresh eggs.

"It is not an easy thing to purchase eggs that are fresh," said Mr. Garman the other day, commenting on the proposed law. "And the consumptive seeking health knows this better than anyone else. The greener always has on hand what he calls 'fresh' eggs, 'seconds' and 'cracks,' and some grocers have been known to keep in stock eggs which on their books are marked 'rotts.' The eggs marked 'fresh' mean nothing more than that the eggs are the freshest the grocer happens to have on hand."

### Odd Hard Times Tale.

Norfolk, Va.—Forty-five per cent. of the Irish potato crop in the large trucking belt adjacent to Norfolk is still in the ground and farmers say will for the most part have to rot unless present low prices in the northern markets improve so as to justify digging and shipping. The immediate outlook is for a disastrous year to the truckers hereabout.

### No Wonder He Was Diegusted.

It was on the Peary north pole expedition that an Eskimo came into possession of a piece of wire. Never having seen wire before he asked Prof. D. B. McMillan what it was for. "White men string it on poles stuck into the ground, and by talking into an instrument at one end the voice can be heard in the other," he was told by Prof. McMillan. The next morning somebody called to Peary and the other members of the expedition to come out and watch the Eski-

mo. He was sticking some forked poles into the ground and hanging his piece of wire on top of them. He next held one end of the wire to his mouth and talked to it at the top of his voice. Then he hurried to the other end and held the wire to his ear expecting to hear his own words repeated. When he failed to hear any sound he looked at his white friends in disgust.

### To Keep Flowers.

To preserve freshly-cut flowers,

place them in a vase filled with fresh water in which a little charcoal has been steeped or a small piece of camphor dissolved. The vase should be set upon a plate or dish and covered with a bell-shaped glass. Around the edge of the glass a little water should be poured, so that air will be excluded.

If fresh cut flowers need reviving, place the stems into boiling water, and by the time the water is cold the flowers will have revived. Cut the ends of the stems afresh and place in fresh cold water.